Your Gold & Blue Preview

New Student Orientation 2019
Don’t miss anything!

But if you do...you can find this presentation in its entirety on our website uakron.edu/nso

Click Freshmen
Congratulations!
You’re a ZIP!
What’s the big deal?

There’s a lot to look forward to both on and off campus.

The University of Akron provides a variety of services that will not only help you to be successful, but also create a one-of-a-kind experience!
Our Job

To get you excited about everything that makes you a Zip!
How it all works...

campus highlights

Need to knows

Akron Experience
Zip Tips!

Let’s get started!
Campus Highlights!

In the classroom

On your campus

campus traditions
Your new learning environment

In the classroom

• 19:1 Student-Faculty ratio

• 72% of Faculty have a Doctorate Degree!

Your student body

• Over 5,000 degrees are awarded to students every academic year

• You now make up a student body of over 25,000 students from over 45 U.S. States and 92 countries around the globe!
Jean Hower Taber Student Union

Taber Union serves as a hub of resources for students, faculty, staff and others!

- 300+ seat theatre – see a movie for FREE!
- Roo Lounge – our game room featuring pool tables, bowling, and gaming systems – all FREE!
- Seven retail food operations, including:
  - Chick-fil-A
  - Qdoba
  - Starbucks
- Barnes & Noble bookstore
- Charging stations
- PNC bank
- Copy and mail services – UPS shipping!
Student Recreation & Wellness Center

- Leisure pool
- 30-person spa
- 1/10-mile walking/jogging track
- 250 pieces of cardiovascular & strength training equipment
- 5 multi-function gymnasiums
- 2 group exercise studios
- 54-ft. climbing rock + bouldering cave

Ranked 4th in the Nation!
Zips Pride!

**Track & Field**
- Clayton Murphy took home the bronze medal in the 800m run at the 2016 Summer Olympics with the fifth fastest American time ever
- Track & Field also sent pole vaulters Annika Roloff & Shawn Barber to Rio

**Women’s Swim & Dive**
- The team has won 6-straight MAC Championships since 2014
Zips Pride!

**Akron Football**
- The Akron Zips won their first ever bowl game in 2015 with a 23-21 win over Utah State in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
- UA is the only MAC team to defeat Ohio State (12-6), led by the legendary John Heisman
- Former Zip Jason Taylor was inducted into the Pro-Football Hall of Fame in 2017

**Men’s Basketball**
- UA has made 9 of the last 12 MAC championship games with 3 NCAA Tournament appearances
Zip Tip!

UA is one of the first 50 universities in the country to officially roll out varsity teams in...
eSports at UA

Varsity teams compete against other universities in League of Legends, Overwatch, Counter-Strike: Global Offensive, Hearthstone, and Rocket League.

Club teams include the same games and even more titles such as Fortnite, Rainbow Six Siege, and Super Smash Bros. Melee.

Players are being recruited for varsity teams for Fall 2019, and scholarships are awarded to varsity team members!
Not a gamer?

• eSports is also looking for students in engineering, computer science, communications, health and wellness, and other fields! You could...
  • Help build eSports arenas
  • Broadcast games
  • Design materials
  • Assist with training and nutrition

• Interested? Visit uakron.edu/esports for more!
Campus Traditions

Cheering on the football team against their fiercest rival is one of the best ways to display your Zips pride!

Every year, the Zips take on Kent State for the rights to the coveted Wagon Wheel trophy.

Akron has won the trophy four years running!
Campus Traditions

Attend SpringFest!

Paint the class of 1880 rock!
What You Need To Know!

- My Akron
- Your to-do list
- Important services
Your MyAkron account

Click Here!

Make sure you have your UANet ID and password ready to log in!

Or just type my.uakron.edu into your browser!
Regularly updated news and announcements will appear here!
The grades for paper #1 have been posted under Assessments -> Grades.

Dr. Smith

Download the Brightspace Pulse App to keep track of important updates! It brings news, deadlines, and grades together in one place.

Extended office hours Wednesday Feb 13

I will be holding extended office hours 2PM-4PM Feb 13th. Feel free to stop by my office if you have any questions.
Check your UA email every day!

- UANetID@zips.uakron.edu
- Email address your professors will have
- Forward it to your personal account
Get your refunds faster!

- Free online service for direct deposit of any refund of financial aid disbursements or awards that exceed expenses
- Refunds can be deposited into a checking or savings account at your bank
- Checks take about three days, but eRefunds gives you access to your refund the day after it is computed
Housing and Meal Plans

- Apply for housing now if you haven’t and are planning to live on campus

- If needed, you can change your meal plan through the first four weeks of the semester
Since you know all about MyAkron now, we have three important tasks for you to do over the summer...
Pay your first bill

Your UA bill is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

You will receive an email to your UA email account when your bill is ready to be viewed.

*Your first bill is due in early August!*

Log on to My Akron and go to the Finances section of your Student Center to pay your bill!

Send any questions to cashier@uakron.edu
Get your textbooks

• UA has 2 Barnes and Noble bookstores on campus, located in the Student Union and the Polsky Building.
• Receive official textbook needs from professors.
• Budget $300-$500 per semester.
• Price match policy with other book stores!
• Book buy back at the end of the semester.
Renting your textbooks is a great way to save!
Request your parking permit

- Parking Permits at UA are covered by the student fees included in your tuition
- Financial Aid/Scholarships can be used to help cover the cost if there is enough left after tuition is covered
- You are responsible for requesting your permit through your My Akron portal! Your permit will be mailed to you about 2 weeks before the start of the semester
- Tickets start at $25/infraction, so request your permit now!
Zip Tip!

Don’t have a car? Don’t want to walk? Utilize the Roo Express & DASH Metro Bus!
The Roo Express Shuttle Service

Provides free transportation to:

- University Buildings in the downtown area, neighborhoods near campus, and the parking lots on all sides of campus.

- During the Fall and Spring Semesters the shuttle also services students on the weekends to and from the downtown area!

  **Utilize the DASH bus during the week!**

MetroZip

- Use any Metro route bus free of charge with your Zip Card

Track the Roo in real time!
Download the Roo Express tracking app at
akron.doublemap.com
All you need to ride is your Zip Card!
Other Uses for your Zip Card

• Official UA identification card
• Use to enter your Residence Hall
• Holds your meal plan
• Use for access to the Rec Center
• Library card
• Zip Print at campus computers and Kiosks
• Can hold money for your All Campus account
  • Great if you don’t want to carry cash!
  • Works just like a debit card anywhere Zip Cards are accepted
  • Manage through your My Akron account

Don’t leave today without it!

330-972-2911
Your Akron Experience!

campus Services

Get involved

Explore
The UA Mobile App

**DO MORE FROM YOUR PHONE**

- View your class schedule, including instructors, meeting times, and the location on the map
- Access Brightspace
- Faculty/staff directory
- Campus map
- Track the Roo Express in real-time
- Access your UA Gmail account
- Keep track of athletic schedules
- See what’s happening on campus

Download the app for free today from your app store!
Staying happy & healthy

Counseling Center
• Located in Simmons Hall
• Free & Confidential
• Testing services

Health Services
• Located in the SRWC
• General primary health care
• $15 visit fee
• Can prescribe medications and administer immunizations
• Women’s Clinic

Office of Accessibility
• Located in Simmons Hall
• Request accommodations
• Notetaking service
Services to explore

Tutoring Services
- *Free* tutoring on a wide variety of General Education courses
- Bierce Library: Math Lab & Writing Commons
- Polsky: Math & Writing Labs
- Online eTutoring available in select subjects

Office of Multicultural Development
- Peer mentoring
- Programming and outreach
- Learning communities

The International Center
- Global and multicultural programming
- Education Abroad opportunities
ZipAssist

The central information hub of campus, intentionally designed to share available resources and provide support and assistance to help students be successful

- Located in the Simmons Hall Lobby
- Help-A-Zip
- Financial Wellness
- Passport Acceptance
- Off-Campus Living
- Parent & Family Association
- Any question or issue, the best starting point to get it answered or resolved!

uazipassist@uakron.edu
Career Services

• From now until even after you graduate, you can take advantage of all of UA’s Career Services, completely free!
• Career professionals that can help you construct resumes, find internships, prepare you for job interviews, or even find a job before you graduate!
• Career Services boasts an ever growing job database, two Career Fairs a year and many more resources that help current Zips find their career and succeed at it!

Visit Career Services on the 2nd Floor of the Student Union!

Engineering majors can receive these same services through the Co-op and Placement Office!

You can visit them on the 2nd floor of ASEC!
Be a leader...work on campus!

- On-campus jobs give you a great chance to become more connected to UA, and they work around your class schedules!
- Find out about on-campus jobs online at: uakron.edu/student-employment
- Any position on campus can help enhance your leadership skills, but here are a few examples...
  - Be a peer mentor for incoming students
  - Work as a tutor for general education and major specific classes
  - Become an Orientation Leader!
Zip Tip!

Want to be famous before you even graduate?!
WZIP & ZTV

WZIP is one of the most-listened to student-run radio stations in the country!

Gain experience in:
• DJing
• Music programming
• News
• Production
• Promotions
• Sports
• Underwriting

ZTV needs writers, hosts, reporters, production crew members, directors, and producers!

Points of pride:
• 5 Emmy Awards
• 22 Emmy nominations
• Telly Awards
• Communicator Awards
• Signature Station of the Year
Get Involved!

UA has more than 300 organizations — focused on academics, the arts, athletics, science, music, leadership, service and more. Plus new ones are forming all the time.

Join a student organization and you'll meet some terrific people with whom you share a common interest. It's part of what college is all about!

Find out more through your My Akron account!

Click on the OrgSync/RooConnect icon
Volunteerism

UA Sponsored Days of Service:
- Make a Difference Day
- Super Service Saturdays
- MLK Day of Service
- World AIDS Day

Longer Experiences & Clubs:
- Alternative Spring Break
- Relay for Life
- Up Til’ Dawn
- UA’s Dance Marathon
- Zips for Haiti

Interested in these organizations? Sign up through OrgSync/RooConnect in My Akron
Get Active!

Another great way to get involved is to get active with the Outdoor Adventure Services and Intramural Sports Office (OASIS)

Intramurals
• Have fun and make friends by signing up for one of the many sports offered
• Form a team or join one as a Free Agent
• Sign up on My Akron!

Outdoor Adventures
• Take a hike, rent a canoe, or go camping. Many of the Outdoor Adventure programs are free or inexpensive, but all are a blast!
• You can always climb the rock wall for free right on campus!
Zip Tip!

Did you know you can experience one of these Outdoor Adventure trips this summer?
Akron Adventures
UA’s Freshmen Outdoor Experience

- Get to the forefront of your Akron Experience with an exclusive pre-enrollment opportunity for incoming freshmen

Trip Options for 2019
- Mohican Adventure (June 23-25)
- White Water Rafting (July 26-28)

Why go?
- Meet current students, other new students, and make connections
- Create a lasting bond with others who will be on campus in the fall
- Give yourself a new and exciting challenge with personal fulfillment

Visit uakron.edu/goadventure for more information & sign-ups!
Explore Akron

You’re lucky to go to a university that’s in the heart of the city!

In downtown Akron, you can...

• Go to an Akron RubberDucks baseball game at Canal Park
• Eat out at one of our downtown restaurants... some even take you Zip Card!
• Visit Lock 3 for music in the summer and fall or ice skating in the winter
• Explore the Akron Art Museum
• Hang out with the animals at the Akron Zoo!
New Roo Weekend – August 24 & 25
Purpose

• To get comfortable with campus right before classes begin
• Meet current students and other incoming freshmen
• Discover ways to get involved on campus
• Get important campus information that you need before the start of the semester

Weekend Highlights

• Choose breakout sessions focused on an area of your interest on campus
• Hear an uplifting and energizing message from UA’s first year speaker
• Explore UA’s student organizations
• Walk your class schedule with a current student
• Discover downtown Akron and see what the city has to offer
Zip Tip!

New Roo Weekend seems awesome! How do I get involved?
Watch your UA email in early August for your invitation and how to RSVP!